

Building Bridges: A Lesson in Friendship

Learning objective: To understand the importance of healthy relationships, effective communication, and respecting differences in others.

Read the passage carefully, then answer the questions below using full sentences where appropriate.

In the heart of the Whispering Woods, Nova the owl and Max the monkey often worked together on projects. One sunny afternoon, they decided to build a bridge across the bubbling stream. Nova, being a creature of science, wanted to measure the distance and calculate the weight of the logs using maths. Max, however, wanted to start building immediately, using his creative flair to design a colourful rope swing alongside it. At first, they argued. Nova felt Max was being impulsive, while Max felt Nova was being too rigid. They both stopped and took a deep breath. By listening to each other's ideas, they realised that Nova's structural planning and Max's artistic vision could work perfectly together. They compromised by creating a safe, strong bridge that featured a beautiful, decorated handrail. They learned that a strong relationship isn't about always agreeing; it is about respecting different viewpoints and finding common ground. Whether working on a school project or playing in the park, valuing what others bring to the table makes any team stronger and more successful.

Word bank: cooperation · empathy · perspective · compromise · respect · valuable

1. What two characters are working together in the Whispering Woods? (1 mark)

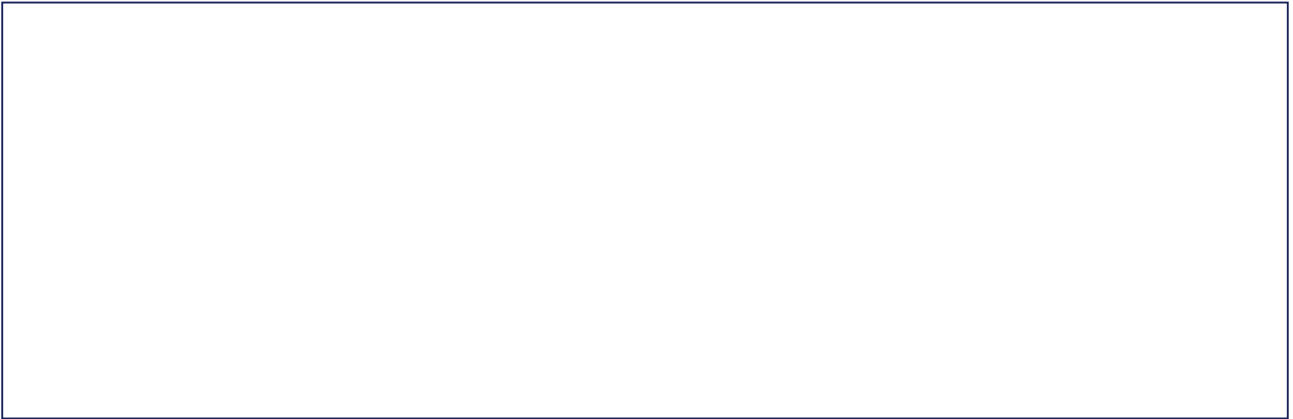
2. What were the two different approaches that Nova and Max had towards building the bridge? (2 marks)

3. Why did Nova and Max feel frustrated with each other at the beginning of the project? (2 marks)

4. What does the passage suggest about how the two characters felt once they started listening to one another? (2 marks)

5. In your opinion, why is it important to listen to a friend's ideas even when you disagree with them? Explain your reasoning. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the bridge Nova and Max built, showing both the strong, scientific structure and the colourful, artistic decorations.



Extension challenge: Write a short paragraph about a time you had to compromise with a friend or classmate. What did you learn from the experience?